

SENATE RESOLUTION 30

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend ThyssenKrupp Elevator Manufacturing of Middleton.

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body are pleased to recognize those businesses whose owners have distinguished themselves as outstanding corporate citizens by investing in Tennessee's economic landscape and working to make their communities stronger and more productive; and

WHEREAS, one such laudable business is ThyssenKrupp Elevator in Middleton, which recently received Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold Certification for Existing Building: Operations and Maintenance from the United States Green Building Council; and

WHEREAS, ThyssenKrupp Elevator is the largest producer of elevators in the Americas and is part of the ThyssenKrupp corporation, which is a diversified technology and material group based in Essen, Germany; and

WHEREAS, the recipient of the Governor's 2011 Environmental Stewardship Award, ThyssenKrupp Elevator employs 1,240 Tennesseans and works with thirty-five vendors and suppliers in Tennessee and Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, ThyssenKrupp Elevator is one of only seven facilities in Tennessee and the only elevator factory worldwide to achieve LEED certification; and

WHEREAS, the United States Green Building Council's LEED Gold Certification is a rating system developed by the council to promote a whole-building approach to sustainability by recognizing performance in five key areas of human environmental health: sustainable site development, water efficiency, energy efficiency, materials selection, and indoor environmental quality; and

WHEREAS, the ThyssenKrupp Elevator facility, built in 1969, underwent improvements in order to reach benchmarks for design, construction, and operation as a green building system; improvements made to the facility include air quality enhancements, with increased flow of outside air to ventilate the space; building management systems integration to control heating, ventilation, and air conditioning remotely; low-flow fixtures installation and outside irrigation elimination for reduced water usage; sixty-five percent electric-powered forklift fleet operation in lieu of propane-powered forklifts; and ninety-seven percent facilities waste diversion away from landfills; and

WHEREAS, through the facility's transition to a LEED certified green building system, ThyssenKrupp Elevator now saves 3,317,684 kilowatt hours of electricity per year, which is enough electricity to power all of the homes in the Middleton area; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's business establishments are vital to the economic health of our State, and the members of this legislative body are pleased to recognize these businesses; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and commend ThyssenKrupp Elevator on achieving Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold Certification for Existing Building: Operations and Maintenance from the United States Green Building Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.